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And I wish that I really could be picking up a telephone and holding a personal chat with each and everyone of you instead of writing a letter, but until we get through chastising Hitler and Tojo, this will have to be the means of communication, so here we go again.

With the footballs all tucked away in their resting places, the gridiron togs sent to the cleaners, and Scotty back to his normal routine, the basketball season is now occupying the spotlight. Doggie's passers opened the season last Saturday night in New York when they scored what many newspapers called "an early-in-the-season upset" by defeating the City College of New York, 50-47. Most of the boys in the first ten are six feet or better, so that the Mules this year will perhaps be known as one of the tallest teams in collegiate circles. The schedule, and I do hope that you will be able to see one or more games, is:

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| Dec. 4 | Penn State College | Home |
| 8 | Princeton University | Away |
| 11 | Temple University | Home |
| 15 | Lehigh University | Away |
| 18 | Swarthmore College | Home |
| 22 | St. Joseph's College | Away |
| Jan. 5 | Swarthmore College | Away |
| 8 | Villanova College | Home |
| 12 | City College of New York | Home |
| 15 | Bucknell University | Home |
| 19 | University of Pennsylvania | Home |
| 22 | U.S. Marine Corps.-Phila. | Home |
| 26 | St. Joseph's College | Home |
| 29 | Albright College | Home |
| Feb. 5 | Bloomsburg State Teachers College | Home |
| 9 | Franklin & Marshall College | Away |
| 12 | Franklin & Marshall College | Home |
| 16 | Bucknell University | Away |
| 19 | Fort Dix | Home |
| 23 | Lehigh University | Home |
| 26 | Villanova College | Away |
| Mar. 4 | Albright College | Away |

This year all games will be played at Rockne Hall, Fourth and Chew Sts., with the varsity games starting at 8:30 P.M. I'll be looking for you!

The grunt-and-groan boys are getting off the surplus poundage in preparation for another season on the mats. The schedule is at present in the hands of the Graduate Manager and is expected to be announced shortly. I'll send you the dope as soon as it is released.

Muhlenberg will soon have a new Commanding Officer. Commander Henry P. Lowenstein, Jr. has received his orders transferring him to the Naval Station at Sampson, New York. Just who the new C.O. will be is still a mystery but he is expected any day.

Through the generosity of one of Muhlenberg's graduates, a new recreation room has been equipped and furnished in the hold of the Library for the use of the trainees and civilian students. The room, formerly used for storage, has been completely repainted and furnished tastefully and is in constant use during the evening hours and over week-ends. Stationery, furnished by the U.S.O., has been placed there and the usual "Coke" machine is just outside the door--only thing missing is a "juke box".

And now for the mail bag:

Perry Scott says that the B-24's are keeping him busy but that he still finds time to follow the teams who go into action for 'Borg.

Charlie Krauss says that the scorpions and tarantulas which he has seen aren't exactly beauty contest winners but that so far, he has enjoyed life to the full. By the way, Charlie, was the rumor about pay day true or was it some more scuttlebut?

Sgt. Wallace Doobel is located at Geiger Field, Wash. Two chaplains, both in the Army and both Schaertels--no wonder your poor Al. Secy. some times becomes confused. Anyway, to make the record clear, Elmer G. Schaertel, '29, is at Fort Benning, Georgia, while his older brother, Clarence L. Schaertel, '21, is at Fort Eustis, Va.

Angelo Albano should have, by this time, completed a radio mechanic's course and he expects to be shipped to a specialist school.

"Tuss" Becker sends his Christmas greetings to all men of 'Borg from far off India. Bob Holben has found his ship and is enjoying his experiences very much. As Assistant Supply officer and the most junior of the junior officers, Bob is catching up on his sleep.

Lt. Neal Diamond writes from Italy that everything is "jake" with him and that he expects the next letter will reach him sooner than the ones in the past. They will, Neal, if you, as well as seven hundred other guys, will keep me informed of your address. What tha'! You got free mailing privileges, come on and tell me where you are, so that I can drop you a line--tonight I mailed about four hundred Christmas packages, so if you don't get yours, blame not the Alumni Office.

Lt. Bob Newhard is the Staff Weather Officer attached to the 83rd Fighter Group, Richmond, Va. The first Sgt. who had the brainstorm that Sgts. should be on duty on Sundays better steer clear of Carl Ritter. Ensign Al Busby writes of the beauties of the peaceful Pacific and tells of his work as Communications officer which he thoroughly enjoys.

Paul Candalino just stopped in the office looking very trim and spruce in his new uniform. Paul informs me that he will be stationed at Columbia as a drill instructor, while Jack Clifford and Charlie Moran are slated for Norfolk; Johnny Psiaki has gone to the Supply School at Harvard, Joe Roodiger is headed for Key West, Earl Swank has gone to sea and Blair Krimmer has entrained for San Diego.

Bob Albion wrote me another fine letter describing some of the terrain over which he has travelled during the past several months. Here's a tip, boys--if you want to tell a married fuzzy wuzzy from her single sister (who would want to anyway)--just look at her hair, for Albion says, with authority, that the married ones dye the top of their hair red. That somopin', not so?

The Hawaiian Islands received a new disciple the other day in the person of Lt. Charlie Trinkle who reports that he is enjoying his new post. Eve Bartleson is recovering from an operation at Fort Benning, Ga., and reports meeting two Mules in his division, Captain Evoritt and Captain Schaertel. He says that you just can't keep Muhlenberg men down.

Johnny Elliott is at Field Artillery School at Quantico and reports that the Math courses he had at 'Borg have been very helpful to him. Lt. John W. Schmittner who has graduated from an 18 week "bombarior" course (bombadier navigator) has navigated Miss Jessie Walton into the state of matrimony. This memorable event took place on Oct. 28th and Johnny, who is stationed at Salt Lake City, says that married life is wonderful state if he could only get a chance to enjoy it.

"I always knew that the Army Chaplains were not as rugged as the Navy's Chaplains. Not so long ago I proved it by riding a jeep down an 80 foot embankment in which the jeep turned over six times and I got up and walked away with a few scratches. Boy, are we rugged. We know that the jeep turned over at least six times because the wire fence was wrapped around it six times. Once is enough though." Such is the report from Lt. A.R. Chatton who is trying to keep abreast of the various systems of money in the countries in which he has travelled.

Commanding officer of a vessel operating in a part of the world where the courses taught by Dr. Corbier are standing him in good stead is the news from Lt. (j.g.) Maurice Purcell. Roy Diefenderfer, '30, pens the following news flashes: "The news about 'Berg followed me through the entire African campaign (we landed in Casablanca last November, 1942 and almost immediately were transferred to Tunisia where we remained until the Germans gave up). There for awhile news from home was mighty scarce, so when your letters arrived, they were of course, read over more than once. Now my address, for the time being, is "somewhere in Italy". What travel folders have raved about in sunny Italy is true, because the country I have already seen is really beautiful. The people are friendly and seemingly will prosper on souvenirs sold to the soldiers--the Arabs were robbers when it came to asking high prices for their merchandise, but I think the Italians know a few tricks of the trade themselves. Oh yes! The women are very friendly--they sure do know how to raise one's temperature".

In invitation, gentlemen, to the wedding, Jan. 2, 1944, in the College Chapel, time unknown at present, of Lt. Arthur T. Hill and Miss Kitty Moore. Art says, "Let's have a reunion on Jan. 2nd."

Here are some address changes since the last letter:

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And now a few statistics: Here are the latest class figures as of the end of November.

| CLASS | ARMY | NAVY | MARINES | TOTAL |
|---------|------|------|---------|-------|
| 1947 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1946 | 49 | 4 | 1 | 54 |
| 1945 | 32 | 37 | 6 | 75 |
| 1944 | 44 | 29 | 4 | 77 |
| 1943 | 41 | 44 | 9 | 94 |
| 1942 | 58 | 26 | 3 | 87 |
| 1941 | 34 | 8 | 0 | 42 |
| 1940 | 30 | 9 | 0 | 39 |
| 1939 | 28 | 11 | 2 | 41 |
| 1938 | 16 | 7 | 1 | 24 |
| 1937 | 19 | 7 | 0 | 26 |
| 1936 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 15 |
| 1935 | 16 | 5 | 0 | 21 |
| 1934 | 19 | 5 | 0 | 24 |
| 1933 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| 1932 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 20 |
| 1931 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 18 |
| 1930 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 18 |
| 1929 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| 1928 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 10 |
| 1927 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| 1926 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 1925 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| 1924 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| 1923 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| 1922 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| 1921 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 1920 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1919 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| 1918 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1917 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| 1916 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1915 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1914 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 1913 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1912 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1903 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Faculty | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Totals | 506 | 233 | 28 | 767 |

More later and keep your letters rollin.

As ever,
John
John H. Wagner.
Alumni Secretary